

ABSTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS

GRAND LODGE A.F. & A.M. of IDAHO

140th ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

In accordance with Regulation No. 53 of the Idaho Masonic Code and Digest, this entire Abstract of the Proceedings shall be read in every Lodge at the first Stated Communication following receipt thereof.

The date of such reading shall be reported to the office of the Grand Secretary. *(The report of reading may be done by merely entering it in the Compliance Section in your next Monthly Report.)*

The printed Proceedings will be completed and sent to each Lodge and when they are received, you will find that many items that may be of interest to your Brethren are contained therein. Please make them available to all your members who may wish to read them.

Please be reminded that Regulation No. 51 of the Idaho Code and Digest requires that One (1) copy of these Proceedings be placed on file in each Lodge and made available to your Brethren.

LODGES ARE REMINDED

PLEASE REPORT ALL DEATHS OF MEMBERS TO OUR GRAND CHAPLAIN.

Please assign one of your dedicated members to see that the proper form (enclosed) is completed and mailed to your Grand Chaplain each time a member is lost by death in order for him to write a letter of condolence to the family.

While most Lodges have been very diligent in filing these reports of death, a few are either forgetful or negligent in taking care of this most important duty.

Enclosed with this Abstract is a supply of the proper forms on which to file the report. ***Please discard any obsolete forms you may have on hand and use these forms.*** When a death of a member occurs, complete a form and MAIL IT TO THE GRAND CHAPLAIN at the following address:

**G. Arthur Shoemaker
W. Grand Chaplain
5724 East Oak Street
Nampa ID 83687**

PLEASE NOTE

(The Grand Chaplain's address is also included on each form for your convenience)

If additional forms are required, please copy the enclosed form!!

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*Office of the Grand Secretary
Boise, Idaho*

To: Grand Lodge Officers
District Deputy Grand Masters
Past Grand Masters
Constituent Lodges of Idaho
Grand Lodges in Fraternal Correspondence

The 140th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Idaho was held at Nampa, Idaho at the Nampa Civic Center on September 20, 21, 22, 2007; with 19 Grand Lodge Officers, 17 Past Grand Masters, 11 District Deputy Grand Masters, and 51 Chartered Lodges in attendance. Of fifty-seven Lodges, the following were not represented:

Hailey Lodge No. 16
Shoshone Lodge No. 25*
Butte Lodge No. 37
Arco Lodge No. 48
St. John's Lodge No. 52
Buhl Lodge No. 53*

(Lodges marked with an asterisk were also not in attendance the last two years while Lodges marked with two asterisks have not been in attendance for the last five years)

(Necessary to read only name and title of the following)

2007 - 2008 GRAND LODGE OFFICERS A.F. & A.M. OF IDAHO

Robert (Pete) B. Cargill (10)	319 19 th Street	Res: 746-8718	
M.: W.: Grand Master	Lewiston, Idaho 83501	Bus: (800) 274-7383	
Richard E. Kaiser (19-33)	----- 17 South 635 West -----	Res: 684-4966	
R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master	Blackfoot, Idaho 83221-6161		
David C. Triplett (93)	----- 3550 Triplett Lane -----	Res: 344-4527	(Anne)
R.: W.: Senior Grand Warden	Boise, Idaho 83716		
David (Skip) Owen, Jr. (80)	1959 S.E. Ross Rd.	Res: 599-2287	(Darlene)
R.: W.: Senior Grand Warden	Glenns Ferry, Idaho 83623-9701		
Stanley Eugene Barker (1)	2417 Elmcrest Lane	Res: 344-4098	(Lorene)
R.: W.: Grand Treasurer	Boise, Idaho 83705		
Vernon E. Patrick (93)	----- 1409 Division Street -----	Res: 386-9194	
R.: W.: Grand Secretary	Boise, Idaho 83706-3747	Bus: 343-4562	
Paul E. Alexander (19)	----- 390 Linden Dr. -----	Res: 529-4391	
R.: W.: Grand Lecturer	Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401		
Jay A. Leonard (30-80)	----- 1315 Amber Dr -----	Res: 587-4356	(Jean)

W.: Senior Grand Deacon	Mountain Home, Idaho 83647	Bus: 587-2590	
Keith C. Brooks (68) -----	932 E. 18 th Way -----	Res: 678-8942	(Mitzi)
W Junior Grand Deacon	Burley, Idaho 83318	Bus: 678-0461 ext 33	
D. Blair Clark (Resigned) -----	2605 Greenwood Circle -----	Res: 345-6960	(Anne)
W.: Grand Marshal	Boise, Idaho 83706	Bus: 342-4591	
John J. Kumm (10) -----	613 Bryden Ave #C-320 -----	Res: 746-8664	(Sherri)
W.: Senior Grand Steward	Lewiston, Idaho 83501	Bus: 746-2225	
John E. Warner (18) -----	754 Ebony -----	Res: 234-2166	(Rene'e)
W.: Junior Grand Steward	Pocatello, Idaho 83201	Bus: 237-9194 ext. 234	
Daniel B. Heberling (62-63)	1060 W. Starling Ave	Res: 762-3374	
W.: Grand Sword Bearer	Hayden, Idaho 83835		
William K. Curtis, Jr. -----	1179 N. Purple Sage Way -----	Res: 939-746	(Andrea)
W.: Grand Pursuivant	Eagel, Idaho 83616-5464		
J. Sherwin Wilson (28) -----	135 S. 21st Street -----	Res: 642-3229	
W.: Grand Organist	Payette, Idaho 83661		
G. Arthur Shoemaker (60) ----	5724 E. Oak Street -----	Res: 465-6563	(Sandra)
W.: Grand Chaplain	Nampa, Idaho 83687		
Milton A. "Jock" Slavin (11)---	116 N. Center Street -----	Res: 756-3578	(Roberta)
W.: Grand Orator	Salmon, Idaho 83467	Bus: 756-2030	
Edward G. Olson (60) -----	3617 Kipling Road -----	Res: 342-5419	
W.: Grand Historian	Boise, Idaho 83706	Bus: 850-8387	
Dennis Smith (10) -----	3940 Country Club Drive -----	Res: 746-9690	(Judy)
W.: Grand Tyler	Lewiston, Idaho 83501		
<i>DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS</i>			
1st District			
Douglas J. Hammond (92) -----	POB 705 -----	Res: 879-4218	(Sandi)
	Challis, Idaho 83226	Bus: 526-1145	
2nd District			
John H. Nicklas (19) -----	1350 John Adams -----	Res: 522-7336	(Sharon)
	Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401	Bus: 520-2039	
3rd District			
Ramon J. "Ray" Currence (81) --	868 Derryman Road -----	Res: 237-2482	
	Pocatello, Idaho 83301		
4th District			
Fred D. Decker (55) -----	4202 N. 2100 E -----	Res: 326-5959	(Neta)
	Filer, Idaho 83301	Bus: 420-1715	
5th District			
William N. Watts (61) -----	1417 Rainer Drive -----	Res: 324-5898	(Jan)
	Wendell, Idaho 83355		
6th District			
Bret C. Silver (78) -----	POB 245 -----	Res: 837-6253	(Laurie)
	Hagerman, Idaho 83332	Bus: 539-6253	
7th District			
Monte B. Bollar (60) -----	10400 Treeling -----	Res: 37504809	(Cyndie)
	Boise, Idaho 83704	Bus: 859-1086	
8th District			
Bruce Wethered (29) -----	1011 W. Holland Ave. -----	Res: 442-8559	
	Nampa, Idaho 83651		
9th District			

Donald D. Nelson ----- 12002 Tioga Street ----- Res: 362-7290 (Jayne)
Cascade, Idaho 83611

10th District

Joseph A. Leitch (62) ----- Box 190----- Res: 937-2203 (Mary Jane)
Nezperce, Idaho 83543

11th District

Donald G. Alexander (10)----- POB 245----- Res: 509/243-4433 (Celia)
Asotin, WA 99402

12th District

John Snodderley (24) ----- 716 East 18th ----- Res: 773-7269 (Susan)
Post Falls, Idaho 83854

13th District

Jon C. Rich (43) ----- 815 Cedar Street----- Res: 265-4173 (Linda)
Sandpoint, Idaho 83864

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

2006-2007

BOARD OF CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK

John W. Sharp (73)	2008	Richard C. Broemeling (30-80)	2011
Bradley A. Cannon (10)	2009	Harry C. Black (13-60)	2012
Joseph E. Alexander (19)	2010	James C. Herndon (11-33)	2013
		Michael A. Sutton (18-42)	2014

STANDING COMMITTEES

(By-Laws, Part One, Article IV, Section 401)

JURISPRUDENCE

James C. Herndon (11-33), PGM Chairman
Wiley F. Smith (64), PGM
John Kumm (10), PM
John Snodderely (24), PM

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES

C. Phillip Drew (13-29), PGM, Chairman
David A. Olehy (52), PGM
Richard C. Broemeling (30-80), PGM

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES

Bradley A. Cannon (10), PGM, Chairman
Gregory E. Johnson, PGM (17-56)
Keith C. Brooks (68), PM
David "Skip" Owen (30-80), PM
Ex-officio: Grand Treasurer Stanley E. Barker (1)

FRATERNAL RELATIONS

Thomas W. Kerr (82), Chairman
Gilbert Gross (18-51), PM
Thomas Hipple (17), PM

MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

James A. Davidson (28), PGM, Chairman
Richard E. Kaiser (19-33) SGW
Jay A. Leonard (30-80) JGD

MASONIC TEMPLE PRESERVATION

R. Dix Hoffman (19), PGM, Chairman
Robert Troxel PM, (13)
Merle H. Mews PM, (60)

CONDITIONS AND RETURNS OF LODGES

LeRoy Austin (54) PM, Chairman
Jay A. Leonard (30-80), PM Michael A. Sutton (18-42), PGM

SESSION COMMITTEES

(By-Laws, Part One, Article IV, Section 402)

CREDENTIALS

(To be appointed)

DISTRIBUTION

(To be appointed)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Lynne E. Cannon (10), PGM, Chairman

LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION

(To be appointed)

NECROLOGY

G. Arthur Shoemaker (60), GC, Chairman

EXAMINATION OF VISITORS

(To be appointed)

COURTESY

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

Stanley E. Barker (1), GT, Chairman

TIME AND PLACE

Robert B. Mohny (19), PM, Chairman
Ronald Lowe (93), PM
Paul S. Ousley (42), PM

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

(By-Laws, Part One, Article IV, Section 403)

TRUSTEES OF GRAND LODGE RELIEF FUND

Scott P. Johnson (2)	1 Year Term
Dean Buffington (93)	2 Year Term
Clarence Jones (1)	3 Year Term
Stanley E. Barker (1) Ex-Officio, Grand Treasurer	
Vernon E. Patrick (93) Ex-Officio, Grand Secretary	
Grand Master	
Deputy Grand Master	

BOARD OF RELIEF

Ralph K. Nichol, PM (93), Chairman	1 Year Term
James L. Curtis, PM (93)	2 Year Term
Ronald Scott, PM (60)	3 Year Term
Ex-Officio: Robert B. Cargill (10), Grand Master	
Ex-Officio: Stanley E. Barker (1), Grand Treasurer	
Ex-Officio: Vernon E. Patrick (93), Grand Secretary	

PREPAID LIFE

Stanley E. Barker, (1) GT, Chairman
Gregory L. Kimberling (17)
James E. Lee (81)
N. Randall King (13-60)

CONVENTION ARRANGEMENTS, 2007

Gregory Kimberling, General Chairman

IDAHO FREEMASON

Richard E. Kaiser (19-33), SGW

INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY

David Grindle (30-93) PM, Chairman
Joseph Grover (47)
Dan Siddall (93)
Brian Zimmerman (60) WM
Richard C. Broemeling (30) PGM
Ex-officio: Grand Secretary

LODGE PROGRAMS

David C. Triplett (93), JGW, Chairman
Donald G. Alexander (10) DDGM
Jay A. Leonard (30-80) PM

MENTORING

Ronald L. Scott (60) PM, Chairman

MEMBERSHIP & MASONIC RENEWAL

Joseph E. Alexander (19), PGM, Chairman
Jay A. Leonard (30-80), PM
Thomas Melbourn (24)

MASONIC MODEL-STUDENT ASSISTANCE

Richard E. Kaiser (19-33) DGM, Chairman

PUBLIC RELATIONS, INFORMATION & MASONIC PUBLICATIONS

James V. Voyles, PGM, Chairman
Michael A. Sutton, (18-42), PGM
Richard E. Kaiser (19-33), DGM
Ronald G. Berto (60) PM
Lon Woodbury (43) WM
Paul E. Alexander (19) GL

UNITY FELLOWSHIP BANQUET

Michael S. Pearson (30), Chairman
Wes Morris (30))
Jay A. Leonard (30-80)

YOUTH COMMITTEE

Gregory Kimberling (17), Chairman

ACTION ON RESOLUTIONS- SUMMARY

Resolution No. 1 REJECTED

Change to the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Idaho, Article IX, Section 916, **Objection to a Visitor.**

Summary: Would have removed the ability to a right of objection if it included a Grand Lodge Officer on official business.

Resolution No. 2 WITHDRAWN

Change to the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Idaho, Article I, Section 106, Par. 4 **Vote of Master Masons**

Resolutions No. 3 REJECTED

Change to the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Idaho, Article XXXIV, Section 3401, Par. 4 **Procedure in Amending**

Summary: Would have allowed legislation submitted not in proper form or in conflict with other sections of our Code to be tabled for further consideration at this Annual Communication. Currently it is withdrawn.

Resolution No. 4 ADOPTED

This Resolution changed Article XXXIV, Section 3401, Par. 5 and 6. **Procedure in Amending.**

Summary: This was a “house keeping” document that removed the word “ constitution” from a section of the By-Laws pertaining to Lodges.

Resolution No. 5 ADOPTED

This Resolution changed Article XIV, Section 1417, Par. 6, **Administration, Investments, and Distribution of Earnings.**

Summary: Now includes the Prepaid the Life Membership Fund.

Resolution No. 6 ADOPTED

This Resolution amended Article V, Section 502 and Article VI, Section 602, **Permanent Grand Lodge Relief Fund and Finance and Revenue Sources**

Summary: Relieves Section 602 of the provisions of Article V to the Grand Lodge Charitable Trust except as provided in Article VI. **Section 602** Establishes a 501 (c) (3) Charitable Trust

Resolution No. 7 ADOPTED as amended (Amendment removed the words “in this jurisdiction”)

This Resolution changed Article XI, Section 1105, **Historic Lodges**

Summary: Establishes a classification of constituent lodges that may be chartered, to be known as Historic Lodges, with certain authority to preserve their buildings, paraphernalia and historic connections to their communities.

First Late Resolution REJECTED

This Resolution would have brought to the floor legislation to change Regulation 61. **George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association.**

Summary: To increase the annual dues from \$5.00 to \$10.00 and have it payable with the Entered Apprentice Degree instead of the Master Mason Degree.

Second Late Resolution REJECTED

This Resolution would have brought to the floor legislation to amend Article XX, Section 2002: **Petition for Degrees**

Summary: To make a change that would advise the candidate that by signing the petition, he allows the Lodge he is petitioning to research his background through records checks.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION
Proposed Amendment of Article VI, Section I
(Requires a two-thirds vote of approval of the Constituent Lodges)

Rationale:

It has been evident during the last several years that some Lodges are having difficulty following procedures for balloting on a Constitutional Amendment. This last year, for example, ballots were not received from eight Lodges, nine ballots were rejected, and several ballots were sent to addresses other than the Grand Master’s as required.

This Amendment would eliminate balloting by the individual Lodges, thus avoiding confusion in following the written procedure, sending ballots to the wrong address, and avoiding rejection by the Grand Master. There is also the question of how the Constitutional Amendments are discussed within the Lodges, if at all. By delaying the vote until the next Annual Communication, members of the lodges will have the

opportunity to discuss the issues at our largest gathering of Masons, and they will have the opportunity to ask questions of the sponsor of the resolution directly, rather than through a third party who may or may not have accurate information.

Therefore, be it resolved, that ARTICLE VI, SECTION I, AMENDMENTS, of the Idaho Grand Lodge Constitution be changed to read as follows:

ARTICLE VI AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended only in the following manner: The proposed amendment shall be presented in triplicate in the desired written form, signed by no less than three (3) members of the Grand Lodge or by the Worshipful Master and Secretary of a chartered Lodge attested under seal, and filed with the Grand Secretary on or before the close of the Annual Communication of the Grande Lodge. It shall be printed in the Annual Proceedings, and referred to all chartered Lodges in the Jurisdiction by the Grand Secretary. When so referred it shall be read in each Lodge by the Worshipful Master at three several Stated Communications; no action will be taken within the lodges after the third reading. The Amendment to the Constitution shall be held over until the next Annual Communication and a vote of two-thirds of the delegates attending shall be required to pass the Amendment.

REPORT OF APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES

The Appeals and Grievances Committee was pleased to report that no appeals or grievances were filed during this Masonic year.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS OF LODGES

The committee made the following report:

The Constituent Lodges of Idaho Grand Lodge report the following numbers referring to membership and other statistics:

Number of members on July 31, 2006		4,618
Initiated	136	
Passed	90	
Raised	88	
Total Degrees Conferred	314	
Affiliated	24	
Plural	17	
Reinstated	16	
Errors from previous years (merger)	64	
Total gain	145	
Died	167	
Suspended, expelled, dropped NPD	69	
Demitted	51	
Total Loss	287	

Number of members on July 31, 2007		4,540
Fifty year members (Exempt from Per Capita)	1004	
Total Dues paying (Per Capita) members		3,536
Net loss in membership last year	161	
Net loss in membership this year	78	
Number of degrees conferred last year	263	
Number of degrees conferred this year	314	
Lodges conferring no degrees last year	13	
Lodges conferring no degrees this year	49	
<i>Lodges dropping most members as NPD</i>		
<i>Oriental Lodge No. 60</i>	17	
Lodges conferring most degrees		
<i>Capital City Lodge No. 93</i>	25	
Dues range from a low of \$12.00 to a high of \$100.00		
Average dues for entire Jurisdiction		\$44.00
Average increase over prior year		.00
Fees range form a low of \$60.00 to a high of \$450.00		
Average fees for entire Jurisdiction		\$195.00
Average increase over last year		68.88

Those Lodge Secretaries that persistently file Monthly reports in a timely fashion and keep their Lodge's correspondence current, keep the life blood of our fraternity flowing.

Some Lodges still have Annual Dues that are less than the Annual Per Capita Assessment. These Lodges really need to take a very hard look at their financial situation, establish an operating budget and take appropriate action.

We again recommend that the new Grand Master require that Section 1505 of our Code & Digest, relating to dropping members for non-payment of dues, be read in all Lodges at their Stated Communication in December and reported to the Grand Secretary's Office in the compliance section of the December Monthly Report.

REPORT OF TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE

(As amended)

An invitation has been received and accepted that the 143rd Annual Communication of the Idaho Grand Lodge be held in Boise or Nampa, Idaho in 2010, hosted by Capital City Lodge No. 93.

REPORT ON ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES

Per our Idaho Masonic Code and Digest Section 604, Audit: Due to many late Annual Reports from the Lodges, a certified audit was not able to be performed in time for this Annual Communication. Therefore, lacking audited books, and not having a basis for a revised budget for the coming year, it is recommended that the budget of 2006/2007 be continued to 2007/2008 without change. The

recommendations of the Grand Master's Report requesting increases in expenditures will not be allowed. Proposals from the Grand Secretary for increases in his budget for the ensuing Masonic year will also not be allowed.

Per Capita Assessment will remain at \$30.00 per dues paying member.

Your committee on Accounts and Finance was given a task to develop a grand Lodge Investment Policy. That policy is now in the hands of the Grand Master for distribution and discussion in the coming year.

MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

It is hard to put a happy face on this report, it began to seep into the consciousness of this committee in recent times that our efforts were very much uphill, in that the attendance was very poor, so much so that to continue was absurd. We are to set the program aside, lay it away in the Archives of Grand Lodge, if you like.

Lack of membership may not be altogether our problem. Lack of interest is our problem. We are not challenging the majority of Masons to learn about the Fraternity, it's heritage, it's history, quality of thought, it's purpose is not being properly communicated. We need to reexamine our approach.

The Prime Minister Disraeli told the British House of Commons in 1874, "Upon the education of the people of this country the fate of this country depends."

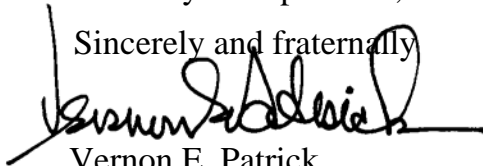
CONFORMITY WITH REGULATION NO. 53

When this Abstract is read in your Lodge, **PLEASE** report the reading date in the **COMPLIANCE SECTION** on your next Monthly Report.

Issued in compliance with Regulation No. 53 and by order of the M.:W.:Grand Master, Michael A. Sutton

This 25th day of September, 2007

Sincerely and fraternally



Vernon E. Patrick
Grand Secretary